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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/56/102, of the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Committee on Contributions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Henry Siegfried **Fox** (Australia);
Bernardo **Greiver** (Uruguay);
Hassan Mohammed **Hassan** (Nigeria);
Eduardo **Iglesias** (Argentina);
Omar **Kadiri** (Morocco);
Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes **Ramos** (Portugal).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Henry Siegfried Fox (Australia)

Born: 26 October 1955, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany.

Education

1978-1981	Master of Arts in History, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.
1974-1977	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia.

Employment history

1999-present	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations, New York (Fifth Committee delegate). From December 2000, member of the Committee on Contributions.
1994-1999	Executive Officer, International Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra.
1994-1995	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations, New York (for forty-ninth session of the General Assembly).
1992-1994	First Secretary, Australian High Commission, New Delhi.
1990-1992	Executive Officer, International Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra.
1989-1990	Senior Adviser, Corporate Planning, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Canberra.
1987-1989	Adviser, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Canberra.
1985-1987	Education Officer, New South Wales Department of Technical and Further Education, Sydney.
1984-1985	Research Consultant, Sydney.
1980-1984	Research Fellow, Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs, Melbourne.

Current position

Mr. Fox joined the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations as the Australian delegate to the Fifth Committee in July 1999. At the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, he participated in the negotiations on the United Nations budget for the biennium 2000-2001; at the fifty-fifth session of the Assembly, he participated in the negotiations on the scale of assessments for the United Nations regular budget for 2001-2003 and on the revised peacekeeping scale of assessments. Following the resignation of Neil Francis (Australia), Mr. Fox was elected on 6 December 2000 to the Committee on Contributions for the balance of Mr. Francis' term, which is to end on 31 December 2001.

Bernardo Greiver (Uruguay)

Present position: Chief of Cabinet to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Born: 5 November 1962, Montevideo.

Academic background

Graduated in International Relations, University of the Republic, Montevideo.

Graduated from the Instituto Artigas del Servicio Exterior (Diplomatic Academy of Uruguay).

Professional career

2001	Chief of Cabinet to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2001	Promoted to Counsellor.
1999	Staff member of the secretariat to the President of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.
1994-1999	First Secretary to the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations, in charge of the Second and Fifth Committees.
1993	Chief of Cabinet to the Director General for Administration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1990-1992	Served as diplomatic Secretary to the Department of Political Affairs, Division of Eastern Europe and the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Hassan Mohammed Hassan (Nigeria)

Born: 15 July 1959.

Educational background

1965-1971	Miringa Central Primary School, Biu Local Government, Borno State, Nigeria.
1972-1977	Government Secondary School, Biu, Borno State, Nigeria.
	University of Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria.
1999-present	John's University, New York, Masters in Business Administration.

Qualifications obtained

1971	First School Leaving Certificate.
1977	West African School Certificate.
1982	Bachelor of Science (Honours Economics).

Professional training

1988	Nigerian Foreign Service Academy, Lagos, Nigeria (Certificate in Diplomacy).
1989	Foreign Service Training Institute, Islamabad (Specialized Certificate in Diplomacy).
1998	United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Orientation course for new delegates (April).
1999	United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Course for drafting of resolutions (August).

Positions held

1984-1987	Third Secretary, Bilateral Economic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lagos, Nigeria.
1987-1988	Second Secretary and Desk Officer, Bilateral Economic Cooperation with West European Countries.
1990-1992	First Secretary and Head of Chancery, Nigerian High Commission, Islamabad, Pakistan.
1993-1995	Counsellor, Directorate of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja.
1995-1998	Counsellor, Directorate of Pilgrim Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja.
1998-2000	Counsellor/Head of Chancery, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations, New York.
	Chairman of the Group of 77 and China in the Fifth Committee; Chief negotiator of Group during the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly.
	Senior Counsellor and delegate of Nigeria to the Fifth Committee.

Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina)

Date of birth: 3 May 1936.

Profession

Lawyer, graduate of University of Buenos Aires, 1960.

Member of the Foreign Service: Ambassador.

Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs in December, 1965.

Foreign appointments

Secretary, Embassy of Argentina in Switzerland, 1971-1975.

Minister plenipotentiary, Embassy of Argentina in the United Kingdom, 1977-1982.

Head of Mission, Embassy of Argentina in Bolivia, 1987-1991.

Head of Mission, Embassy of Argentina in Chile, 1993-1997.

Posts held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Buenos Aires

1965-1971	Member, Department of the Legal Counsellor.
1975-1977	Member, Department for the River Plate Basin.
1982-1983	Section Head, Technical and Administrative Undersecretariat.
1983-1985	Director, Department for International Rivers.
1985-1987	Director, Department for Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico.
1991	General Director for Latin American policy.
1991-1993	Assistant Secretary for Latin American policy.

Main diplomatic posts held

Chairman, Joint Maritime Shore Technical Commission (Uruguay, 1983-1986); Delegate (1975-1977).

Chairman, International Whaling Commission (1981-1984).

Commissioner for Argentina (1977-1993).

General Secretary for the River Plate Basin (1983-1984).

Secretary pro tempore of the Rio Group and the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government (1991-1992).

Senior member of the Foreign Service Qualifying Board of Argentina (1991-1993).

Full professor, Foreign Service Institute of Argentina (1975-1977 and 1983-1985).

First elected President, Foreign Service Professional Association (1986-1987).

Academic activities

Professor of Public International Law, University of Buenos Aires (1975-1977 and 1982-1984); member of the faculty (1967-1984).

Catholic University of Argentina (1982).

Full professor of Latin American and Caribbean International Relations, University of Belgrano (1992-1993).

Advisory member, Argentine Council for International Relations (1990).

Lectures, courses, publications, seminars (Buenos Aires, Geneva, London, La Paz and Santiago).

Fellow, International Court of Justice, The Hague (1967 and 1970); United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), New York, (1967); International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva (1967); Harvard Law School (1969).

Private law practice (Buenos Aires and Chubut) (1960-1965).

Academic honours from Bolivia, El Salvador, Paraguay, Chile (Grand Cross of the Republic of Chile and O'Higgins Grand Cross) and Brazil.

Experience in administration and finance

Was in charge of administrative and technical matters for two years in the Administrative and Technical Subsecretariat as Section Head for the Assistant Secretary.

Was a permanent delegate to the International Whaling Commission for ten years and served as Chairman for four years, with oversight of the organizational budget and the various indicators and factors determining the financial contributions of States parties.

As Secretary of the Department for the River Plate Basin, performing the various functions of the technical secretariat, including the preparation of the annual budget and the allocation of funds to the various sections of the Department.

Omar Kadiri (Morocco)

Born: 13 March 1975, in Fès, Morocco.

Education and diplomas

1992	Baccalaureate (Modern literature section).
1992-1996	Diploma, regular course at the National School of Administration.
1996-1997	Preparation of Certificate of higher education in Political Science.

Current position

First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations, assigned to the Fifth Committee.

Professional experience

1 July 1996	Assigned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (Secretary, Foreign Affairs).
July 1996-December 1998	Directorate of Personnel and Training.
January 1998-April 1998	United Nations Specialized Agencies Division, in charge of matters relating to WIPO, ITU, UPU and ISO.
May 1998-September 1998	Non-aligned Movement Division.
October 1998-June 2000	Division of Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions.

Missions

Seminar on the organization of government personnel management (National School of Administration-Rabat, May 1996).

Member of the Moroccan delegation to the fifty-second session of the General Assembly (Fifth Committee).

Participated in the International Colloquium on Human Rights and the Moroccan Community Abroad (Tangiers, 1998).

Participated in the Sixth National Congress on the Rights of the Child (Rabat, May 1999).

Member of the Moroccan delegation to the 1999 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (Geneva, July 1999).

Member of the Moroccan delegation to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly (Fifth Committee).

Member of the Moroccan delegation to the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Vienna, April 2000).

Member of the Moroccan delegation to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly (Fifth Committee).

Languages

Reads, writes and speaks Arabic, French and English.

Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes Ramos (Portugal)

Born: 15 November 1962, Lisbon.

Education

Law degree, Portuguese Catholic University, 1989.

Professional career

Junior Account Executive, Dun and Bradstreet Portugal, 1990.

Lawyer, Portuguese Order of Barristers, Lisbon Branch, 1990-1991.

Entered the Portuguese Foreign Service in 1991.

Attaché, 1991.

Third Secretary, 1992.

Posted to the Embassy of Portugal in Tokyo, 1994.

Second Secretary, 1995.

First Secretary, 1998.

Posted to the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations, in July 1999, in charge of Fifth Committee matters.

Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee during the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.